

Mr. Hoover, will you please examine these books and advise me. Due to previous references some of the pages have been turned down or marked in ink. You might use that for quick check. Tell me, for the sake of Our God and Humanity, how and where these writings fit into Christianity. I find no connection whatsoever. One would not need to read the entire book to see the filth contained in its pages.

I do not know whether church materials can advertise such books as "Andher Country" and "Blues for Mr. Charlie" and escape investigation or not, so that's why I need advice.

I will greatly appreciate any information you can give me about this matter. I feel that it is Serious!

I will help in any way I can if I know what to do. Some other church members feel as I do. We want this stuff out, if possible.

Thank you so very much for taking the time to read my letter. I will be very grateful for any advice and information.

Respectfully,

s/

Olive Branch, Miss.

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May 3, 1965

Olive Branch, Mississippi

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 22nd has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiries, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations of any kind. In addition, the advertising by any church of literature which may be construed as obscene is not within our investigative jurisdiction. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand.

I am returning the booklets and magazines you sent.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: We corresponded with [redacted] on 11-10-64 at which time she was sent material on communism. The articles that she enclosed were the November, 1964, and February, 1965, issues of the magazine, "Hi Way," which is published monthly apparently by the Westminster Press and our files do not disclose any derogatory information concerning it. The other enclosures were two paperback books, "Blues for Mister Charlie" and "Another Country," written by James Baldwin and do contain references to pornography and obscenity. James Baldwin is well known to the Bureau.

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## ON THE RIGHT:

# America-Haters: Threat to Negroes

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

JAMES BALDWIN, the author and playwright whose reputation is in part owing to his fine writing, in part to the implacability of his theme (Hate the System) has said a couple of discouraging things on a television program (in which I participated). To wit, that as regards the Negro, "things couldn't be worse." And that Negroes who throw their garbage out on the streets are doing so—legitimately, he suggests—as a form of protest against their plight.

When Baldwin says that the lot of the Negroes could not be worse, one necessarily reacts in either of two ways: He is correct—things couldn't be worse. Or he is engaging in hyperbole; in which case one must ask whether it is useful to the cause of a proper equality to engage in such hyperbole. I conclude as regards the former that things could very easily be worse for the Negroes than they are now. Worse, for instance, if the overwhelming majority of the opinion leaders of this country cared not at all about the plight of the Negroes, which manifestly is not the case.



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And that therefore any suggestion to the contrary goes against realism, and breeds not the galvanic kind of superaction in behalf of equality that Baldwin presumably seeks to bring about, but rather a feeling of resignation; of despair. If the Negroes' lot is not improved by the kind of sympathy he receives, has received; sympathy registered in legislation, editorials, columns, books, sermons, catechisms, welfare payments: then what are we to do?

The crisis involving the American Negro has much to do with the fear that Negro leaders themselves have of their own most rabid representatives. There is a great deal to disagree with—for those concerned with the integrity of the Constitution—when dealing with the demands of such as Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, of Thurgood Marshall, of others who tend to seek out a fresh law to suture every offense against the Negro. But however much one disagrees with them, they are, in context, the voices of moderation: and we must ask them why they do not dissociate themselves from the swollen irrationalities of such as Baldwin.

The trouble is that they dare not do so for fear they would thus suggest a lack of militancy in their own approach to the problem. It was exactly so in the 20's, when many of the socialist-humanitarians who backed the Bolshevik Revolution found themselves endorsing the leadership of Lenin, and Trotsky, and subsequently of Stalin, because they feared to alienate themselves from the leadership of the revolutionary protest.

But might not the same thing happen in a good cause (equality for the Negroes)—as distinguished from an ungood cause (the Marxist revolution)? So long as the Wilkinses of this world refuse to turn their backs on the Baldwins of this world? The objective of those who seek equality for the Negro is equality for the Negro within the American system. If James Baldwin and his coterie of America-haters continue to give the impression that such others as Roy Wilkins go along with their indictments, then they may very well end up satisfying the American people that identification with the civil rights movement is an alternative to the American system.

How long, one wonders, before the Baldwins will be ghettoized in the corners of fanaticism where they belong? The moment is overdue for someone who speaks authentically for the Negroes to tell Baldwin that his morose nihilism is a greater threat by far to prospects for the Negroes in America than anything that George Wallace ever said or did.

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## The Baldwin Syndrome

By William F. Buckley Jr.



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If the Negroes' lot is not improved by the kind of sympathy he receives and has received — sympathy registered in legislation, editorials, columns, books, sermons, catechisms, welfare payments — then what are we to do?

It is an interesting question, which is hardly answered by apocalyptic statements by such as Mr. Baldwin threatening us with The Fire Next Time — the next time we disagree with whatever poetical locution he comes up with concerning the delinquencies of the white people of this country.

On our program, Mr. Baldwin said that he was neither a socialist nor a Marxist. Let us take him at his word. But I wonder now,

intellectually, he can reconcile his statements with his behavior?

In his writing he deplores the capitalist system, which he holds institutionally responsible for enslaving the Negro.

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The trouble is—and this is brilliantly recorded in the forthcoming book by Theodore White on *The Making of a President, 1964* — that they dare not do so, for fear that they would thus suggest a lack of militancy in their own approach to the problem.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : *Jm*  
*zjt* Director, FBI ( 62 - 109763 ) DATE: 4/4/66

FROM : SAC, New York (100-146553)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-CSOG ACTION:  
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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 4/6/66

Reason for the delinquency: MORE EXPEDITE MATTERS BEING HANDLED.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 4/13/66

AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.:  
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May 13, 1966

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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the name check requests  
from Mrs. Stegall relative to the White House affair on May 26,  
1966.

The central files of the FBI contain no derogatory  
information identifiable with the following individuals:

Anthony Michael Astrachan  
William E. Beatty, Jr.  
Norman Blake  
Professor Henry L. Bretton  
Al Castagno  
L. Robert Castorr  
Ernest Dunbar  
James A. Farrell, Jr.  
Frank E. Ferrari  
Raymond C. Firestone  
Ralph Matzel, Jr.  
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Dr. Jerome Holland  
Professor William O. Jones  
Dr. Howard Jordan  
Mrs. Helen Kitchen

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George K. Lindsay  
The Reverend Frederick A. McGuire, C.M.  
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Irwin Miller  
Doyle Mitchell  
Professor Ruth Schachter Morgenthau  
Robert M. Norris  
Macaire Pidanou  
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NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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Honorable Marvin Watson

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI were checked and no threat data was found concerning the above individuals based upon the background information submitted in connection with these name check requests.

Attached are separate memoranda on the following individuals:

James Baldwin

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Sincerely yours,

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JAMES BALDWIN - Summary

Captioned individual, prominent author and playwright, has been the subject of a security-type investigation conducted by the FBI which has revealed his association with individuals and organizations of a procommunist nature.

In July, 1965, he was the author of a form letter urging the recipients to renew their subscriptions to "Freedomways" magazine which is reportedly staffed by Communist Party (CP) members or sympathizers including Esther Jackson, its Managing Editor, who is the wife of James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA. (X)u

In November, 1965, Baldwin made public appearances in Rome, Italy, at which he stated the United States has no right in Vietnam and that "Western interests" were responsible for events in South Africa and the Cuban "aggression." (X)u

In December, 1963, Baldwin spoke before a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC), an organization cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

An advertisement entitled "What is Really Happening in Cuba" appeared in "The New York Times" of April 6, 1960. This advertisement, placed by The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, was sympathetic to the Castro regime and indicated that the American press had attempted to blacken Castro and his government by reporting untruthful information. The advertisement indicated The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, headquarters in New York, had been formed to furnish the true facts concerning the Cuban revolutionary government. James Baldwin appeared in the advertisement as one of the sponsors of The Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

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**JAMES BALDWIN**

The Washington, D. C., Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality held a mass rally for the "Original Freedom Riders" in Washington on June 11, 1961. Among the speakers at this rally was James Baldwin. During his talk, Baldwin stated, in substance, that the West should re-evaluate its international policies in view of the potential strength of the new Afro-Asian countries. He stated that the white race had better realize the emerging strength of the Negro and that he would not care to be in the shoes of the white man when the African nations become stronger.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of June 17, 1961, in its "Letters to the Editor" section, carried a letter by James Baldwin and William Styron which advocated abolishment of capital punishment. This letter stated in part that "If there were a shred of proof that the death penalty actually served to inhibit crime, that would be sufficient reason--even from the point of view of 'misguided do-gooders,' as J. Edgar Hoover calls its opponents--to maintain it." It goes on to state that Mr. Hoover "is not a lawgiver, nor is there any reason to suppose him to be a particularly profound student of human nature. He is a law enforcement officer. It is appalling that in this capacity he not only opposes the trend of history among civilized nations, but uses his enormous power and prestige to corroborate the blindest and basest instincts of the retaliatory mob."

On June 2, 1961, the Liberation Committee for Africa (LCA) held a "first anniversary" celebration at the Martinique Hotel, New York City. James Baldwin, author, was listed as one of the principal speakers. During his address, Baldwin stated that he had spent the past nine years in Paris and advised that a period of revolution confronted the world and that America has taken a position throughout the world against revolutions. Baldwin asserted that only in revolution could the problems of the United States be solved.

It is understood that certain local chapters of the Socialist Workers Party have given support to the Liberation Committee for Africa. The March 24, 1961, issue of "Young Socialist Alliance Newsletter," which recognizes the Socialist

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Workers Party as the only existing political party capable of providing the working class with political leadership, has given strong support to the LCA. The LCA claims to provide a public forum for African freedom fighters and to re-establish awareness of the common cultural heritage of Afro-Americans with their African brothers.

The name of James Baldwin appears as a sponsor on a news release communication in August, 1961, from the Carl Braden clemency appeal committee which was being distributed by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). The SCEF is the successor organization to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare described by the HCUA as a communist front organization. It is noted that on May 1, 1961, Carl Braden and Frank Wilkinson went to prison to begin a one-year sentence for contempt of the HCUA. The SCEF was endeavoring to obtain signatures in connection with a petition to President Kennedy for executive clemency for Braden and Wilkinson.

The April 17, 1961, issue of the "National Guardian" which the HCUA cites as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia contained an advertisement announcing a rally to abolish the HCUA on Friday, April 21, 1961, in New York City. James Baldwin, writer, was listed as a sponsor supporting the rally.

The April 20, 1962, issue of "New America," an official publication of "Socialist Party--Social Democratic Federation," contains a clemency petition for convicted communist Junius Scales who was serving a six-year sentence in Lewisburg Penitentiary under the membership clause of the Smith Act. The petition was sent to President Kennedy on April 3, 1962, and allegedly contained the signatures of "550 prominent citizens" among whom was James Baldwin.

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Scales, who had a long history of membership and leadership in the CPUSA, was convicted in February, 1958, for violating the Smith Act. He was sentenced to six years in the Federal penitentiary, and after exhausting all appeals, he began serving his sentence on October 2, 1961.

On Christmas Eve, 1962, President Kennedy commuted Scales' sentence which he was serving in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. During his trial and in connection with appeal motions subsequent to it, Scales endeavored to characterize himself as an ex-communist who had chosen to go to jail rather than name his former associates in the CP.

The cover of the May 17, 1963, issue of "Time" magazine is devoted to author James Baldwin. The cover story describes some of Baldwin's recent efforts in behalf of the American Negro's integration movements. He is described as "a nervous, slight, almost fragile figure, filled with frets and fears. He is effeminate in manner, drinks considerably, smokes cigarettes in chains and he often looses his audience with overblown arguments."

The May, 1963, issue of "Mademoiselle" contains an interview-type article with James Baldwin which was part of a series then currently being carried by the magazine under the caption "Disturber of the Peace."

As indicated by the title of the series, "Disturber of the Peace," James Baldwin gives a lot of gibes to both white and Negroes about the Negro situation in the United States. Baldwin answers many of the questions by introspection. In giving an answer to a question about his father and how he hated him and whether or not his father hated Baldwin in return, he stated "In a way, yes. He didn't like me. But he'd had a terrible time, too. And of course, I was not his son. I was a bastard. What he wanted for his children was what in fact I became... I changed all the diapers and I knew where the kids were, and I could take some of the pressures off my mother and in a way stand between him and her...."

JAMES BALDWIN

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On the subject of homosexuality, Baldwin stated "American males are the only people I've ever encountered in the world who are willing to go on the needle before they'll go to bed with each other. Because they're afraid of this, they don't know how to go to bed with women either. I've known people who literally died out of this panic. I don't know what homosexual means any more, and Americans don't either... If you fall in love with a boy, you fall in love with a boy. The fact that Americans consider it a disease says more about them than it says about homosexuality." (157-6-34-78)

In connection with a discussion of why he feels Attorney General Robert Kennedy, the Justice Department and President Kennedy are ineffective in dealing with discrimination with the Negroes in the South, Baldwin makes the statement that he is weary of being told that desegregation is legal. He then states "...because first of all you have to get Eastland out of Congress and get rid of the power that he wields there. You've got to get rid of J. Edgar Hoover and the power that he wields. If one could get rid of just those two men, or modify their power, there would be a great deal more hope...."

The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon the background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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Date: EX-110 November 2, 1966

To: [Director  
Central Intelligence Agency]

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Information has been received to the effect that captioned individual is currently traveling abroad. In this connection, there is enclosed one copy of a memorandum dated October 17, 1966, containing available information concerning Baldwin. Pertinent reports regarding this individual have been previously furnished to your Agency.

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attache, Rome, for contact with appropriate security services to receive any pertinent information regarding this subject while he is in the area covered by that Legal Attache.

Enclosure

- 2 - Legat, Rome (Enclosure)
- 2 - New York (100-146553)

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- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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NOTE TO LEGAT, ROME, AND SAC, NEW YORK:

U (S)(U) Legat, Rome, alert your sources so as to receive pertinent information regarding the subject including advance information of travel to countries other than that mentioned in the enclosure. Notify CIA and appropriate Legats of such travel changes. Information contained in the enclosure may be furnished to your sources. For your additional information, James Arthur Baldwin is an author of several books and has been active in the Civil Rights movement. He is on the Security Index of the New York Office.

New York should continue its investigation to ascertain additional details concerning subject's itinerary and should be especially alert for information pertaining to the expected date of his return to this country. Submit pertinent results of your investigation in memorandum form suitable for dissemination to appropriate agencies and Legats.

NOTE:

Information has been received in October, 1966, that subject had then recently left the United States and is touring Turkey where he plans to write a book. Both the State Department and the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice are being advised separately of subject's travel for information purposes.

The memorandum dated October 17, 1966, is an enclosure to Serial 62-108763-40. This letter is classified "Confidential" as it contains information from sources of continuing value. Unauthorized disclosure of information received from these sources may tend to reveal their identity and thus be detrimental to the defense interests of this country.

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Date: November 1, 1966

To: Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Information has been received to the effect that captioned individual has engaged in travel abroad. In this connection, there is enclosed for the information of each recipient of this letter one copy of a memorandum dated October 17, 1966, containing available information concerning Baldwin. Reports concerning captioned individual have previously been furnished to the recipients of this letter.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General

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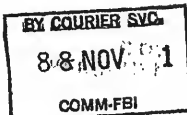
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Subject is a Negro male who is active in Civil Rights demonstrations and has authored several books. He is on the Security Index of the New York Office. Central Intelligence Agency and Legat, Rome, are being separately advised of subject's travel, and New York is being requested to ascertain additional details concerning his itinerary and the date of his expected return to this country.

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December 20, 1966

Director, FBI (62-108763) —

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
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DATE 5/13/89 BY SP8 DIL/agAttached is the translation which you requested by letter  
dated 11/25/66.The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported  
under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative  
attention is necessary.Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in  
this connection is set forth below:

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn.: [REDACTED]), sent direct with enclosure.  
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Your attention is called to the Manual of Instructions, Section 87D, page 74, wherein instructions are set forth as to when an annual report should be submitted. Inasmuch as a review of subject's file at the Bureau indicates that your office is in possession of pertinent information concerning subject's foreign travel and activities while abroad, you should promptly submit a current report suitable for dissemination containing available information pertaining to the subject.

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NOTE:

Referenced letter was submitted in lieu of an annual report. Since submission of the last annual report in this case on 4-13-66 subject has departed for Turkey where he is currently residing, reportedly preparing a book for publication. Bufile also contains results of an interview with the subject regarding racial problems in the U.S., which interview appeared in a Turkish newspaper and information has been received from OSI regarding subject's eviction from an apartment in Turkey for homosexual activities. J S (RM)

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Re Bureau airtels, 4/10 and 4/12/67, captioned,  
"PROPOSED WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL ORGANIZED BY BERTRAND RUSSELL  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an  
LHM suitable for dissemination.

The LHM contains information relative to JAMES  
A. BALDWIN

[REDACTED SECTION]

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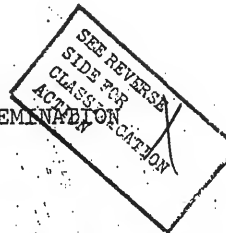
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James A Baldwin was born August 2, 1924, in New York, New York. He resides permanently at 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York, and temporarily is visiting Turkey. Baldwin is employed as an author, lecturer and playwright. In 1960, he was sponsor for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and in 1961 was listed as a sponsor of the Monroe Defense Committee and was also associated with a rally for the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee. In 1963, the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) held an affair called "An Evening With James Baldwin", the proceeds of which went to the NLG.

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U.S. in November, 1965, Baldwin made public appearances in Rome, Italy, at which time he was critical of the United States intervention in Vietnam. X Baldwin has always been a leader in the civil rights movement in the United States in recent years. He travelled to Turkey in March, 1966, [REDACTED]

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